

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, Monday, December 12, 2022 – 8:00 A.M.  
At the Thorpe Park Office, 34496 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., Forest City, Iowa 50436

### Minutes

#### Board Members

Jeff Schmidt  
Nancy Helm  
Mike Korth  
Julie Hagenson  
Tim Missal

#### Staff Present

Robert Schwartz  
Lisa Ralls  
Nicole Templeton  
Rick Lillie

Chairman Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

The December 12, 2022 meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Missal. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The November 14, 2022 Board meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Korth, seconded by Hagenson. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

Nature Center updates. A motion was made by Helm, seconded by Schmidt, to approve pay request #3 from Kingland Construction Services in the amount of \$76,875.92, Martin Gardner Architecture invoice #2200106 for \$5,208.31 and Chosen Valley Testing Inc. invoice #46650 for \$520.00. Unanimous. Motion carried. A total of \$226,835.93 will have been approved for payment following today's action. The basement walls have been completed and floor joists are scheduled to arrive soon.

A rough draft of a new mailer was reviewed and discussed for the Hanson Nature Center to be used for fundraising.

The low bid of Arnie's Pump Service had been approved at the November 14, 2022 meeting contingent upon it meeting all of the required specifications. Drew Sweers, Veenstra-Kim Engineering reviewed both well bids and found that Arnie's Pump Service bid did not meet the minimum specifications recommended by Veenstra-Kim and approved by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. After discussion, a motion was made by Missal, seconded by Schmidt, to reject the bid of Arnie's Pump Service and accept the bid of Lake Mills Pump Service, LC in the amount of \$24,727.60. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Payment to A-1 Excavation & Drainage Inc. in the amount of \$26,750.00 for wetland restoration work on the Tenold Tract in Section 21, Norway Township, was approved

with a motion from Helm, seconded by Hagenson. Funding for the project comes from two grants: \$18,750.00 IDNR Wildlife Habitat Stamp Program and an \$8,000.00 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service grant. The Conservation Board paid \$1,250.00 for seed costs. Six wetland basins were created on the 58-acre tract.

FY23-22 annual budget was discussed with no action taken.

The bills were approved with a motion from Korth, seconded by Hagenson. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 A.M. with a motion from Missal, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Schwartz  
Executive Director

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Chairman

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Secretary